Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim(s) 1, 4, 7, 14, 16, 18, and 25-29.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for performing penetration testing of a target computer network by installing a remote agent in a target host of the target computer network, the system comprising:

a local agent provided in a console and configured to receive and execute commands;

a user interface provided in the console and configured to send commands to and receive information from the local agent, process the information, and present the processed information;

a database configured to store the information received from the local agent;

a network interface connected to the local agent and configured to communicate via a network with the remote agent installed in the target host of the target computer network;

means for providing system calls for the target host; and

security vulnerability exploitation modules for execution by the local agent and/or the remote agent,

~~wherein~~ the remote agent <u>further comprising</u> ~~comprises at least one of:~~ a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, <u>the</u> system calls received via the network, ~~and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting language instructions received via the network.~~

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface enables a user to select one of the modules and initiate execution of the selected module on either the local agent or the remote agent.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface provides a graphical representation of the target computer network.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for performing penetration testing of a target computer network, comprising:

installing a remote agent in a target host of the target computer network;

executing a command using a local agent provided in a console;

receiving information from the local agent in a user interface provided in the console;

presenting the information received from the local agent to a user;

storing the information received from the local agent in a database;

communicating via a network with the remote agent installed in the target host of the target computer network; [[and]]

<u>providing system calls for the target host;</u>

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providing security vulnerability exploitation modules for execution by the local

agent and/or the remote agent[[,]]; and

receiving and executing the system calls in the target host, where the system calls

are received and executed by a system-calls proxy server located in the remote agent, and

where the system calls are received via the network.

~~wherein the remote agent comprises at least one of: a system-calls proxy server~~

~~configured to receive and execute, in the target host, system calls received via the~~

~~network, and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting~~

~~language instructions received via the network.~~

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

selecting, using the user interface, one of the modules; and

initiating execution of the selected module on either the local agent or the remote

agent.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising providing a graphical

representation of the target computer network using the user interface.

7. (Currently Amended) Computer code embodied in a computer-readable

medium for performing penetration testing of a target computer network, the computer

code comprising code for:

installing a remote agent in a target host of the target computer network;

executing a command using a local agent provided in a console;

receiving information from the local agent in a user interface provided in the console;

presenting the information received from the local agent to a user;

storing the information received from the local agent in a database;

communicating via a network with the remote agent installed in the target host of the target computer network;

providing system calls for the target host; and

providing security vulnerability exploitation modules for execution by the local agent and/or the remote agent,

~~wherein~~ the remote agent further comprising ~~comprises at least one of:~~ a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, the system calls received via the network~~, and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting language instructions received via the network.~~

8. (Original) The computer code of claim 7, further comprising code for:

selecting, using the user interface, one of the modules; and

initiating execution of the selected module on either the local agent or the remote agent.

9. (Original) The computer code of claim 7, further comprising code for providing a graphical representation of the target computer network using the user interface.

10. (Previously Presented) An agent embodied in a computer-readable medium for use in a system for performing penetration testing of a target computer network having a target host, the agent comprising:

a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, system calls received via a network; and

a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting language instructions received via the network,

wherein the system calls received via the network are routed to the system-calls proxy server and the scripting language instructions received via the network are routed to the virtual machine.

11. (Previously Presented) The agent of claim 10, further comprising an execution engine configured to control the system-calls proxy server and the virtual machine, wherein the system calls and the scripting language instructions are routed to the system-calls proxy server and the virtual machine, respectively, by the execution engine.

12. (Original) The agent of claim 11, further comprising a remote procedure call module configured to receive commands from the network formatted in a remote procedure call protocol and pass the commands to the execution engine.

13. (Previously Presented) An agent embodied in a computer-readable medium for use in a system for performing penetration testing of a target computer network, having a target host, the agent comprising:

a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host system calls received via a network;

a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting language instructions received via the network;

a secure communication module configured to provide secure communication between the virtual machine and the network;

an execution engine configured to control the system-calls proxy server and the virtual machine, wherein the system calls and the scripting language instructions are routed to the system-calls proxy server and the virtual machine, respectively, by the execution engine;

a remote procedure call module configured to receive commands via the network formatted in a remote procedure call protocol and pass the commands to the execution engine; and

a second secure communication module configured to provide secure communication between the remote procedure call module and the network.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for performing penetration testing of a target network, comprising the steps of:

executing a first module in a console having a user interface, the first module

being configured to exploit a security vulnerability in a first target host of the target

network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host, the first remote agent being

configured to communicate with the console and a second remote agent; ~~and~~

executing a second module in the first remote agent, the second module being

configured to exploit a security vulnerability in a second target host of the target network;

and

providing system calls for the first target host,

the ~~wherein~~-first remote agent further comprising ~~comprises at least one of:~~ a

system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, the system

calls received via the network~~, and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target~~

~~host, scripting language instructions received via the network~~.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising installing a second

remote agent in the second target host of the target network, the second remote agent

being configured to communicate with the first remote agent.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for performing penetration testing of a target

network, comprising:

a console having a user interface;

a first module configured to execute in the console to exploit a security

vulnerability in a first target host of the target network;

a first remote agent installed in the first target host, the first remote agent being configured to communicate with the console and a second remote agent; ~~and~~

a second module configured to execute in the first remote agent to exploit a security vulnerability in a second target host of the target network<u>; and</u>

<u>means for providing system calls,</u>

~~wherein~~ the first remote agent <u>further comprising</u> ~~comprises at least one of:~~ a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, <u>the</u> system calls received via the network~~, and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target host, scripting language instructions received via the network.~~

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising a second remote agent installed in the second target host of the target network, the second remote agent being configured to communicate with the first remote agent.

18. (Currently Amended) Computer code <u>embodied in a computer readable medium</u> for performing penetration testing of a target network, the computer code comprising code for:

executing a first module in a console having a user interface, the first module being configured to exploit a security vulnerability in a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host, the first remote agent being configured to communicate with the console and a second remote agent; ~~and~~

executing a second module in the first remote agent, the second module being

configured to exploit a security vulnerability in a second target host of the target network;

and providing system calls for the first target host,

~~wherein~~-the first remote agent further comprising ~~comprises at least one of:~~ a

system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute, in the target host, the system

calls received via the network,~~and a virtual machine configured to execute, in the target~~

~~host, scripting language instructions received via the network~~.

19. (Original) The computer code of claim 18, further comprising code for

installing a second remote agent in the second target host of the target network, the

second remote agent being configured to communicate with the first remote agent.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for performing penetration testing of a

target network, comprising the steps of:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of

the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the

security vulnerability of the first target host;

sending a system call to the first remote agent via a network; and

executing the system call in the first target host using a system-calls proxy server

of the first remote agent to exploit a security vulnerability of a second target host,.

wherein the system call comprises a computer instruction that is executed in an

operating system of the first target host.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for performing penetration testing of a target network, comprising the steps of:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

executing in the first remote agent a second module that generates a system call; and

executing the system call in the first target host to exploit a security vulnerability of a second target host,

wherein the system call comprises a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of the first target host.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for performing penetration testing of a target network, comprising the steps of:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

executing a second module in the first remote agent that generates a system call;

installing a second remote agent in a second target host as a result of exploiting a security vulnerability of the second target host;

sending the system call generated by the second module to the second remote agent via a network; and

executing the system call in the second target host using a system-calls proxy server of the second remote agent,

wherein the system call comprises a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of the second target host.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for performing penetration testing of a target network, comprising the steps of:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

installing a second remote agent in the second target host as a result of exploiting a security vulnerability of the second target host;

sending a system call to the first remote agent;

sending the system call from the first remote agent to the second remote agent; and

executing the system call in the second target host using a system-calls proxy server of the second remote agent,

wherein the system call comprises a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of the second target host.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for performing penetration testing of a target network, comprising the steps of:

installing a first remote agent in a first target host of the target network, the first remote agent having a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute system calls;

executing in the first remote agent a system call received via a network, the system call comprising a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of the first target host;

installing a second remote agent in the first target host, the second remote agent having a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute system calls and a virtual machine configured to execute scripting language instructions; and

executing in the second remote agent a scripting language instruction or a system call received via the network.

25. (Currently Amended) Computer code embodied in a computer readable medium for performing penetration testing of a target network, the code comprising code for:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

sending a system call to the first remote agent via a network; and

executing the system call in the first target host using a system-calls proxy server

of the first remote agent to exploit a security vulnerability of a second target host, the

system call comprising a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of

the first target host.

26. (Currently Amended) Computer code <u>embodied in a computer readable</u>

<u>medium</u> for performing penetration testing of a target network, the code comprising code

for:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of

the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the

security vulnerability of the first target host;

executing in the first remote agent a second module that generates a system call;

and

executing the system call in the first target host to exploit a security vulnerability

of a second target host, the system call comprising a computer instruction that is executed

in an operating system of the first target host.

27. (Currently Amended) Computer code <u>embodied in a computer readable</u>

<u>medium</u> for performing penetration testing of a target network, the code comprising code

for:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of

the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

executing a second module in the first remote agent that generates a system call;

installing a second remote agent in the second target host as a result of exploiting a security vulnerability of the second target host;

sending the system call generated by the second module to the second remote agent via a network; and

executing the system call in the second target host using a system-calls proxy server of the second remote agent, the system call comprising a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of the second target host.

28. (Currently Amended) Computer code embodied in a computer readable medium for performing penetration testing of a target network, the code comprising code for:

executing a first module to exploit a security vulnerability of a first target host of the target network;

installing a first remote agent in the first target host as a result of exploiting the security vulnerability of the first target host;

installing a second remote agent in the second target host as a result of exploiting a security vulnerability of the second target host;

sending a system call to the first remote agent;

sending the system call from the first remote agent to the second remote agent; and

executing the system call in the second target host using a system-calls proxy

server of the second remote agent, the system call comprising a computer instruction that

is executed in an operating system of the second target host.

29. (Currently Amended) Computer code <u>embodied in a computer readable</u>

<u>medium</u> for performing penetration testing of a target network, the code comprising code

for:

installing a first remote agent in the first target host, the first remote agent having

a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute system calls;

executing in the first remote agent a system call received via a network, the

system call comprising a computer instruction that is executed in an operating system of

the first target host;

installing a second remote agent in the first target host, the second remote agent

having a system-calls proxy server configured to receive and execute system calls and a

virtual machine configured to execute scripting language instructions; and

executing in the second remote agent a scripting language instruction or a system

call received via the network.